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OPC Witnesses Hong Kong Handover

By Janice Castro

As world leaders gathered in Hong Kong for the June 30 handover, more than 300 OPC members and other guests crowded into *Time* magazine's eighth floor screening auditorium in Manhattan at high noon—midnight in Hong Kong—to witness the historic moment. While enjoying a complimentary brunch, participants followed handover news from around the world on the Internet and live television. A collection of news sources—in the room and on the web—were brought together to give a nuanced analysis of the historic moment.

To put events in perspective OPC vice president Jane Ciabattari moderated a roundtable discussion featuring Asia hands Bill Holstein, now senior writer at *U.S. News & World Report* and formerly Asia editor for *Business Week*; *Time* chief of correspondents Rick Hornik and New York correspondent Bill Dowell, both former Hong Kong bureau chiefs for the magazine; Peter Engardio of *Business Week*, a 1995 OPC award winner for his article on "China's New Elite;" veteran correspondent Roy Rowan of *Time* and *Fortune*; and Oscar Chiang, who writes for *Time*'s Southeast Asian edition.

Meanwhile participants watched live television coverage of the ceremonies that alternated between CNN and Chinese broadcasts while other screens in the room displayed *Time*'s global Internet discussion. Among those featured in the Internet discussion were Andrew Chiang, a leading Hong Kong



Hong Kong panelists analyze handover as big-screen TV provides coverage at Time.

Democrat who lost his seat to a Beijing-appointed legislator, author David Newman ("Red Flag Over Hong Kong"), Yale historian Jonathan Spence and Liu Binyan, a Chinese dissident writer.

Last September on a late-night flight returning from an OPC visit to Hong Kong, Ciabattari and Holstein, then president of the OPC, cooked up the idea of a special observation of the handover ceremony. In the spring *Time*, Inc. agreed to co-sponsor the event, putting its enormous resources into the project.

News editor Mark Coatney coordinated the live coverage from *Time Online*'s newsroom in New York via an open phone line to the magazine's Hong Kong bureau, where an anchor was assigned to feed instant updates and details to the gathering all morning. As reports came in, *Time* writers and other staff posted bulletins on the live Internet discussion forum and published them instantly on *Time*'s web page.

Over the Internet, *Time* Hong Kong Bureau Chief Sandra Burton reported from inside the convention center, where the ceremony was taking place, that despite anticipation of protests, the mood was like at a wedding: "very friendly and gracious." Hours earlier, a correspondent at the Hong Kong-China

border covered an all-night party thrown to greet the arrival of hundreds of Chinese troops. Another *Time* correspondent visited a small store that was selling Chinese flags. When asked about the transition, the owners said they weren't happy about it but were selling the flags as "insurance."

"Watching the handover on the big screen was very emotional for me," said Oscar Chiang. "I didn't know whether to think it was a good thing for China or a bad thing for the people of Hong Kong. Most of them managed to escape Chinese oppression, and now, without any say at all, they're being returned to a system from which they escaped."

Added Dowell: "I think my most overwhelming feeling about the handover was that it was unexpectedly moving. We all knew that the event would be mainly symbolic, but what surprised me is that it took on a power none of us had anticipated." At the moment of the handover, more than 300 people at the gathering fell silent, witnessing the moment. Overall, the event was an innovative partnership between *Time*, Inc. and the OPC because it provided access to different media and to wide ranging commentary from journalists and other experts so that those gathered at the event gained valuable insights as events unfolded.

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PEOPLE...with Al Kaff

ATLANTA: Patricia Chew, a former CNN correspondent in Hong Kong, filed an age discrimination complaint against the network this spring. Chew, 46, claimed that CNN executives were concerned about her age and looks before firing her in May. Steve Haworth, CNN spokesman, said, "Her charges are without merit. She was hired two years ago, at which time she was 43 years old, which clearly belies any age discrimination in CNN's hiring practices."

BANGKOK: *Asia Times* newspaper has suspended publication pending a reorganization by Thai publisher Sondhi Limthongkul. The newspaper, dedicated to Asian regional news, was launched just 18 months ago. Ironically, the paper's Tokyo bureau chief **Bradley Martin** had just been assigned to *Asia Times* headquarters in Bangkok. A relaunch is reportedly scheduled by the end of the year.

HATFIELD, Ma: In a newspaper feature explaining Father's Day to children, author **Jane Yolen** paid tribute to her father, the late Will Yolen, a journalist and author who was an OPC president in the 1960s. "I learned I could do it from my dad," Jane Yolen, who has written about 100 books for children and adults, was quoted in the June 8 *Mini Page*, a newspaper feature for children distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.



Jane Yolen with her father, Will Yolen, in 1975, about 12 years before his death.

"Dad gave me a lot of encouragement to be a writer, but wondered why I was writing poetry. You can't make a living that way. He wanted to be sure that if I chose writing, I'd be able to make a living, so he found writing jobs for me." The feature included 1940 and 1975 photos of Will Yolen and his daughter.

HONG KONG: In June, members of the reciprocal Hong Kong Foreign Correspondents' Club paused long enough from their busy days reporting on the handover to elect officers for the club year, 1997-1998. New president is **Keith Richburg** of *The Washington Post* and author of a book published earlier this year on his reporting in Africa, "Out of America: A



Keith Richburg

Welcome to Our New Members

Alexander H.P. Colhoun
University of Missouri School of Journalism
1997 David R. Schweisberg Scholarship winner
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(Active Nonresident member)

Alvaro Trenchi
Editor, NBC News
London
(Active Overseas member)

William Woo
Fellow, Knight International Press Program
Palo Alto, CA
(Active Nonresident member)

Black Man Confronts Africa" [New York: Basic Books].

Caroline Puel, correspondent for the Paris daily *Libération* and *Le Point* in Hong Kong and Beijing, has been awarded France's 1997 Le Prix Albert

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Londres for her coverage of China. The annual prize is given for the best work in the French language by a journalist under 40 years of age. Puel, 34, was press attaché at the French Embassy in Beijing before becoming a reporter. She joined *Libération* in 1992 and has covered stories in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Thailand and China.



Caroline Puel

JOHANNESBURG: Damian Milverton, AP-Dow Jones bureau chief, says that working in Johannesburg "is an education in balancing the demands of a real-time news service with the patience South Africa demands." If a telephone operator says, "I'll be with you just now," Milverton warns: "Be prepared to accept

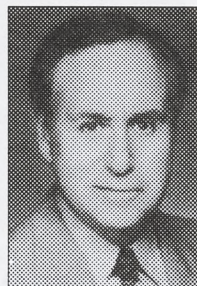


a wait ranging from minutes to days. In the case of the postal authorities, months." Writing in the June 2 *Dow Jones Bulletin*, the company's employee newsletter, Milverton explains: "'Just now' effectively means 'when-ever.' 'Now' usually implies today, maybe tomorrow. 'Now, now' suggests some urgency, while 'now now now' should, in the minds of most South Africans, be reserved for life or death situations."

LONDON: Allan Horlick, president and general manager of NBC's Channel 4 in Washington, will become president and managing director of NBC Europe in August. In his new job, Horlick will oversee operations, development, sales, programming and marketing of two services, CNBC Europe and NBC Europe, which the network said reach some 63 million households. Earlier, Horlick directed expansion in Asia of NBC Asia and CNBC Asia, based in Hong Kong. In Washington, he was replaced by Linda Sullivan, who managed NBC-owned WJAR in Providence, RI.

LOS ANGELES: OPC member David Horowitz, a syndicated newspaper columnist and broadcaster on consumer issues, received two journalism awards in April. The OPC's reciprocal

Greater Los Angeles Press Club gave him its award for best "Specialty Feature Investigative Reporting." He was cited for an eight-part series, "Nissan Potential Death Traps," that alleged fire dangers from leaking fuel injectors and was aired last year on CBS-2 in Los Angeles. Horowitz and the controversy later were featured on ABC-TV's "Prime Time Live" and CNBC's "Steals and Deals." Horowitz's alma mater, Northwestern University's Medill Journalism School, selected him in the first group elected to the school's Hall of Achievement "for his pioneering concepts in consumer reporting that have become standards for feature journalists in all media."



David Horowitz

NEW YORK: Norman A. Schorr, an OPC board member and co-chair of the OPC's Freedom of the Press Committee, was recovering in July from surgery required to clear a blood clot after he fell while working in Canada. Accompanied by his wife, Thelma, a nurse, Schorr was handling public relations for the congress of the International Council of Nurses in Vancouver, B.C., when he accidentally fell on June 16. He spent a week in Vancouver General Hospital, where doctors discovered a blood clot between his brain and cranium. With doctors recommending that surgery be performed close to Schorr's home, the couple returned to New York City, and Norm underwent an operation at New York University hospital July 2. A week later, he was recuperating at Rusk Rehabilitation Center. His wife commented: "Norm wants to get back to work as quickly as possible on the Freedom of the Press Committee, which he considers so important."

Bob Elegant, a foreign correspondent in Asia and Europe from 1951 to 1976 and an OPC award winner, has just written another book, "Last Year in Hong Kong" [New York: William Morrow], published in May. Subtitled "A Love Story," the book is



Bob Elegant

set in the last months that Britain ruled Hong Kong. Author of 15 previous books, fiction and non-fiction, *Elegant*, 69, has won OPC awards in 1967, 1969 and 1972, and a citation in 1962.

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"Kowloon Tong" by author **Paul Theroux** [Boston: Houghton Mifflin] is a novel published this spring that deals with the end of Hong Kong's British rule. Reviewing the book in *The New York Times*, **Richard Bernstein**, a former *Time* magazine bureau chief in Beijing, wrote: "In Mr. Theroux's dark and depressing tale, Hong Kong is about to be absorbed by thugs in the pay of the People's Liberation Army....[He] entertains the nightmare possibility that the Happy Valley Race Course will be used by the Chinese authorities as an arena for the public execution of criminals. This is unlikely and Mr. Theroux knows it."



Paul Theroux

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A new publishing house that will specialize in books written by journalists, historians, social critics and public figures was established this spring by **Peter Osnos**, a former foreign correspondent for *The Washington Post* and later a book-publishing executive. As publisher of Public Affairs, Osnos plans to fund 25 writers each year. He said that writers he will be working with include **Andrew Shapiro**, a contributing editor for *The Nation*, and Michael Mandelbaum, a professor at Johns Hopkins University and author of "The Dawn of Peace in Europe."

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Jim Greenfield, who covered the Korean War for *Time* magazine and then reported from India before becoming an assistant managing editor at *The New York Times*, says: "It is possible to be present at a great moment in history and just not get it." Writing on the June 5 editorial page of the *The New York Times*, Greenfield was recalling the Harvard commencement speech 50 years earlier in which Secretary of State George Marshall announced the Marshall Plan. "No one flagged [the speech] as any more important than the half-dozen others made that day," Greenfield wrote. "Almost alone, Stephen White, an editor-

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Candidates for the 1997 OPC Board

Enclosed in your Bulletin is a ballot for the 1997 OPC elections. Please return it to the OPC office by noon on Wednesday, Aug. 20, in the colored envelope provided.

ACTIVE

ROBERT J. DOWLING

Bob Dowling, an 18 year veteran of *Business Week*, is currently Managing Editor of *Business Week International* and an Assistant Managing Editor of the North American edition. He is also responsible for *Business Week's* foreign language editions: BW China, BW Russia and BW Poland. Before joining *Business Week*, Dowling was a correspondent covering banking and monetary affairs for *American Banker* and a business/financial reporter and editor for *The Baltimore Sun*.



Dowling is a graduate of Villanova University and has completed Ph.D. studies in international economics at George Washington University. He is co-author of two *Business Week* books, "The Reindustrialization of America" and "The Decline of U.S. Power." He, along with other BW colleagues, won the 1994 Ed Cunningham Memorial Award for best magazine reporting from abroad for their article "21st Century Capitalism."

LINDA FASULO

Linda Fasulo is the UN correspondent for NBC News, reporting also for MSNBC and its online services. In addition, Fasulo is *U.S. News & World Report's* special correspondent on the UN and her news reports on UN issues can be heard several times a week on National Public Radio. Author of "Representing America: Experiences of U.S. Diplomats at the UN," she is working on a new book about the UN since the end of the cold war.



A graduate of Rutgers College with an MA in Public Administration from Baruch College, Fasulo has also done graduate work in International and Public Affairs at

Columbia University. Fasulo is currently an OPC board member and co-chair of its Program Committee. She also serves on the Executive Committee of the UN Correspondents Association.

MARIA FERRIS

Since 1988 Ferris has produced and hosted a weekly cable TV talk show called "Common Concerns" which covers a wide variety of topics but focuses on mental health and family issues. "Common Concerns" airs statewide on the Cable TV Network of New Jersey and has won 5 CAPE Awards (Cable Award in Programming Excellence).



Ferris graduated from the University of Florida and holds an MA in Counseling Services from Rider University. Prior to her career in television she was a teacher.

As an OPC member since 1989 she has served on various committees including the Board of Governors in 1994-95 and 1996-97. She has also been Secretary of the OPC Foundation since 1992.

Other memberships include the News-women's Club of New York, the National Academy of Cable Programming and the American Association of University Women, Princeton branch.

ALEXIS GELBER

Gelber is managing editor of *Newsweek International* and assistant managing editor of *Newsweek*. As International editor she is responsible for three distinct English language editions: Atlantic, Pacific and Latin America as well as versions in Japanese, Korean, Russian and Spanish. She joined *Newsweek* in 1980 after serving as editor of *Art Direction* magazine for three years.



As top editor of the "National Affairs" section, Gelber coordinated *Newsweek's* coverage of the Oklahoma City bombing, the O.J. Simpson trial and as senior editor from 1989 to 1992 she supervised the magazine's award winning coverage of the 1992 presidential election. Gelber co-edited *Newsweek's* coverage of the Persian Gulf War, which earned the OPC Ed Cunningham Memorial award for best magazine reporting from abroad.

A native New Yorker, Gelber graduated from Barnard College and received a master's degree from Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism.

KEVIN McDERMOTT

McDermott has 18 years experience as a reporter and editor. With a BA in Political Science and English from the University of Rochester and an MA in American Studies from the University of Nottingham (England), he began his career as a staff writer for IDD Inc., now part of the Economist Intelligence Unit. He was later managing editor of *D&B Reports* magazine. In addition, he has reported from France for *Saveur* and *The Washington Post*, from England for *The New York Times* and from Haiti for *The Atlantic Monthly*.



A short story based on his work in Haiti appeared in *The Missouri Review*, and was nominated for a Pushcart Prize. Currently McDermott is interested in using new technologies to amplify the affiliation audiences feel with conventional media. For the past three years he has been working with web technologies, most recently in collaboration with a major international consultancy in its effort to build a global business-intelligence system.

ROY ROWAN

Rowan spent more than 35 years with Time Inc., first as *Life* bureau chief in Shanghai (covering the China civil war), Hong Kong, Rome, Bonn and Chicago; then for eight years as assistant managing editor. In 1970 he left *Time* to found Seascope Publications (*On the Sound* and *On the Shore* magazines), but returned to Time in 1972 as Hong Kong bureau chief, covering China, Vietnam and the rest of Southeast Asia and Australia.



In 1975 Rowan evacuated Saigon on one of the last helicopters and in 1977 joined the staff of *Fortune*, writing some sixty major articles on foreign and domestic affairs, before leaving to freelance in 1986. This spring he was back in Shanghai and Hong Kong, writing a long piece for *Fortune*.

He has published four books: "The Four Days of Mayaguez" (1975), "The Intuitive

Board of Governors

Manager " (1986), "Powerful People" (1996) and "First Dogs" (1997). Rowan has served the OPC several times as a board member and one term as vice-president. In 1995 he was awarded an honorary doctorate of Humane Letters from Hartwick College.

KAREN SCOTT

Scott is News Director of WPIX's "Channel 11 News at Ten." Before joining WPIX, Karen had been with WNBC-TV for ten years as Producer for the 6pm broadcast of "News 4 New York." During her tenure the station received an Emmy Award for Outstanding Newscast in New York for five years in a row. Previous to her position at NBC, she was Executive Producer for the Post/Newsweek station WFSB-TV in Hartford, Conn.



She has received many professional honors such as The Associated Press, United Press International and the New York Press Club Awards. In 1997 Scott received an Emmy Award for Outstanding Coverage of an Anticipated Breaking News Story. She is also the 1997 recipient of the prestigious Ellis Island Medal of Honor, an award honoring her personal achievements. She is First VP of the New York State Associated Press Broadcasters and is on the Board of Governors of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, the New York Press Club and the Overseas Press Club. She is also a member of the Radio-Television News Director's Association, the Friar's Club and the Advisory Council to the president of Ohio State University, her alma mater.

ROBERT SULLIVAN

Sullivan is a freelance journalist with 33 years experience including *New York World Telegram & Sun*, UPI foreign correspondent in Saigon and Phnom Penh; chief UPI correspondent in Buenos Aires and Rio de Janeiro, and a freelance reporter in Ireland. Sullivan was bureau chief in New York for Worldwide Television News as well as WTN news division manager for the western hemisphere. Sullivan graduated from the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service and was a Ford Foundation Fellow at Columbia University's Advance International Reporting program.



SEYMOUR TOPPING

Topping was appointed Administrator of the Pulitzer Prizes and Professor of Journalism in Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism in 1993 after serving 34 years with *The New York Times* as a reporter and editor. Apart from his Pulitzer duties, he conducts seminars on covering the post-Cold War world. In 1959 when Topping joined the *Times*, he already had 13 years experience as a foreign correspondent. After serving as an infantry officer in the Pacific in World War II, he was stationed in Beijing as a correspondent for INS covering the China civil war. In 1948 he joined the AP in Nanking and during 1950-51 was chief of the AP staff covering the war in French Indochina. In 1952 he went to London where he covered the Foreign Office and in 1956 was appointed chief of bureau in Berlin.

Topping is a graduate of the School of Journalism at the University of Missouri and is author of "Journey Between Two Chinas," published in 1972. In 1992-93 Topping served as President of the American Society of Newspaper Editors and currently serves on the Board of the American Committee of the International Press Institute; the National Advisory Committee of the Media Studies Center of The Freedom Forum and the Board of Advisors to the Center for Foreign Journalists. He is also a director of the Center for Independent Journalism which conducts training programs in Eastern Europe. He is also a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, the Asia Society, the National Committee on US-China Relations and the Century Association.



CHRIS WELLS

Currently senior vice president/International of The Freedom Forum, Wells has spent over twenty years in various positions with Gannett Company, the Gannett Foundation and *USA Today*. She is responsible for coordinating the international activities of the Freedom Forum's offices in Zurich, Hong Kong and Arlington, Va. She also oversees its journalism training programs, world media conferences, publications and international news library network.



In 1993-94 she was Executive Director of the Newseum, an international museum of news and journalism. In that capacity she was the chief administrator for the development, building and operation of the museum which opened this spring in Arlington, Va.

Wells holds a master's degree in labor and industrial relations from Michigan State University and a master's of library science from the University of Michigan. She is a member of the Board of Overseers of the International Press Center and Club-Moscow (an OPC reciprocal club) and the Board of Visitors of the Michigan State University College of Social Science.

ASSOCIATE

ELINOR GRIEST

Griest has been an OPC member since 1961 and retired as a *Reader's Digest* senior editor after 33 years with the magazine. As a member of the Admissions Committee for several years, she has welcomed an impressive number of new members from an ever more diversified field to the OPC.



Her efforts as chair of the Reciprocal Club Committee have expanded OPC contacts and membership privileges to 27 press clubs around the world. Griest was also involved with the committee that revised the OPC Constitution last year.

CHRISTOPHER TOFALLI

Tofalli has extensive experience in the communications field and has worked with two leading corporations for 18 years. He is now senior vice president at Broadgate Consultants, a corporate and capital markets communications firm.

From 1991 to 1995 he served as Director of Corporate Communications for the Seagram Company. Prior to that he headed the media relations functions at W.R. Grace & Co. During his tenure at Grace, he oversaw communications for the Grace Commission, a panel of 150 CEOs appointed by President Reagan to eliminate government waste.

Tofalli is a graduate of the University of South Carolina, where he received a BA in journalism.



PEOPLE

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ial writer for *The New York Herald Tribune*, realized he had just had a brush with history. According to *Harvard* magazine, White phoned the editors in New York and told them that Marshall 'had just offered to rebuild all of Europe, including the Soviet Union.'"



Jim Greenfield

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OTTAWA: Peter Jennings, who never finished college, received an honorary doctorate in literature from Carleton University in June. The ABC New York news anchor and former ABC anchor in London told the *New York Daily News* he attended Carleton "for about 10 minutes" more than 30 years ago when he went to its night school "in search of respectability and I didn't stay long enough to find any."

PACIFIC PALISADES, Ca: The American Legion is attempting to locate **Nerin E. Gun**, a Turkish correspondent who was imprisoned in Dachau in 1945. After his release from the Nazi concentration camp, Gun became an American citizen and followed a career in international journalism. The American Legion is interested in republishing Gun's book, "The Day of the Americans," in which he describes the liberation of Dachau. Contact Donald Segel, 650 Jacon Way, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272-2827, tel: (310) 454-7015.

PARIS: In his first novel, "Innocent Blood" [New York: Simon & Schuster, 1997], **Christopher Dickey**, *Newsweek's* Paris bureau chief, "dissects the terrorist psyche and its cold, fanatical logic," the magazine reported in June, adding: "Kurt Kurtovic is a lonely kid from Kansas who climbs into the elite Army Ranger corps. Jumping from one brutal war to another in Panama, Kuwait and Bosnia, Kurtovic gradually loses faith in America—then turns against his country altogether."

PHNOM PENH: Matthew Lee, an American working for Agence France Presse, was hit in the arm by shrapnel June 17 during street fighting between bodyguard units loyal to Cambodia's two feuding prime ministers. Two persons

were killed and several wounded during the two-hour fire fight involving small arms and B-40 rockets.

SEOUL: *The Asian Wall Street Journal* announced in July that it will start printing in Seoul later this year to serve its Korean subscribers. The publication said it will be the first regional newspaper to print in South Korea. The paper's printing partner is *Joon-Ang Ilbo*, a leading South Korean daily that has published a weekly *Wall Street Journal* page translated into Korean since last year.

TOKYO: Steve Herman, a correspondent for CBS Radio News and a manager in Japan for the Discovery Channel, was elected president of our reciprocal Tokyo Foreign Correspondents' Club in June for the club year that started July 1.



Steve Herman

September is the deadline for material for a book describing the first half-century of the Tokyo Foreign Correspondents' Club, 1945-1995. "We are still looking for anecdotes, revealing insights and little known facts," said Charles Pomeroy, chairman of the club's history committee. Charles E. Tuttle Publishing Co., Tokyo, will publish the book next year. Material for the book may be sent to Pomeroy at the Foreign Correspondents' Club of Japan, Yurakucho Denki Building, 1-7-1 Yurakucho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100, Japan; Fax (813) 3284-1688.

Jennifer Loomis, who won an OPC Foundation \$1,000 scholarship in January, has done it again. In June, the Tokyo Foreign Correspondents' Club awarded a \$2,000 scholarship to Loomis, who is working on a master's degree in photojournalism at the University of Missouri. For her master's thesis, Loomis is documenting Kawabemachi, a small Japanese town where Loomis taught English for one year and was the town's first foreign resident. This year, she won the OPC Alexander Kendrick Scholarship for an essay on Japanese youth disconnecting from their heritage.

ULAN BATOR: Mongolia's democratic revolution in 1990 ended 70 years

of Soviet-guided rule. Since then, 550 new newspapers have been registered in that nation of 2.5 million people, reported Barry Lowe, a journalism lecturer at City University of Hong Kong. "But this explosion of news activity has left some problems in its wake, not the least of which is the quality of reporting and news writing," Lowe wrote in the April issue of *The Correspondent*, published by the Hong Kong Foreign Correspondents' Club. "Of the 40 or 50 [newspaper] titles we saw on sale [in Ulan Bator], fewer than half come out regularly." To improve journalism standards, the Press Institute of Mongolia, funded by Danish foreign aid, was established, and its director, Tsendiin Enkhbat, invited Lowe to conduct a course on reporting skills for 18 print and broadcast journalists.

UNITED NATIONS: In an address on World Press Freedom Day at the United Nations on May 2, keynote speaker and OPC member **Dan Rather** said that even in the United States freedom of the press is imperfect and he called on all countries to defeat censorship. Other speakers included **Raghida Dergham**, president of the United Nations Correspondents Association and senior diplomatic correspondent for the Arab daily *Al Hayat* of London, who said, "The real issue is that a free and independent press is a reflection of the government's respect for the intelligence of its citizens."



Raghida Dergham
Al Hayat

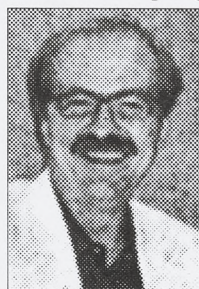
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WASHINGTON: OPC member **Rodney Nordland**, *Newsweek's* correspondent-at-large based in Rome, won the National Press Club's 1997 Edwin Hood Diplomatic Correspondence Award. Nordland reported on the 1995 ethnic cleansing of Lehovici, a Bosnian town, and its 126 residents. To describe what happened, Nordland located survivors in refugee camps throughout the Balkans. **Michael Elliott**, *Newsweek's* international editions editor, commented: "To have discovered what happened to literally every family in literally every house took the sort of shoe-leather determination that only star reporters possess—and Rod is a star."

In a commentary published in *The Washington Post* June 15, Greek journalist and OPC member **Elias Demetracopoulos** faults House speaker Newt Gingrich on his knowledge of presidential history. Demetracopoulos says that during last year's presidential campaign Gingrich asked if any "American president has raised money from foreigners illegally other than Bill Clinton?" In the 1960s Demetracopoulos was told by his sources that \$549,000 in cash had been transferred from the Greek intelligence service to the Nixon-Agnew White House campaign, a report the journalist passed to reporters and the Democratic National Committee. "The campaign of intimidation that the Nixon White House subsequently launched against me convinced me that I wasn't wrong [about the Greek money]," Demetracopoulos wrote in *The Post*. "Bill Clinton's campaign may have solicited money from businessmen from China....But they were not the first to bring foreign money into U.S. presidential politics—as former history professor Gingrich should know."

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Charlayne Hunter-Gault, a correspondent on "News Hour With Jim Lehrer" for 23 years, left the Public Broadcasting program in June to become a roving correspondent in Africa with CNN and National Public Radio. She replaces **Michael Skoler**, NPR's chief African correspondent based in Nairobi, who is leaving to pursue a graduate degree. NPR is moving its Africa bureau to Johannesburg, where Hunter-Gault, 55, will be based. Hunter-Gault's banker husband, Ronald Gault, an executive with J. P. Morgan, was transferred to Johannesburg late last year.

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James Adams, the British-born former *London Sunday Times* bureau chief in Washington, was appointed CEO of UPI this spring, and one of his first



James Adams

WATONGA, Ok: OPC member **Ernie Hoberecht**, who covered Pacific

battles in World War II and the Korean War for United Press, notes that *Bulletin* columnist, **Al Kaff**, erred in his *Dateline* article on the Korean War. "Those pigeons that Rud Poats turned loose [during early days in the Korean War] did return to Tokyo and the Mainichi newspaper building. They did have little stories attached to their legs. They beat the messages sent by the Signal Corps." Kaff wrote that the pigeons carrying dispatches from Poats failed to return to their Mainichi roost.

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DECEASED: **Charles Kuralt**, who died July 4, reported for CBS News from Africa, 23 Latin American nations and Vietnam before roaming the United States to report on the doings of ordinary people for his prize-winning "On the Road" television series. Kuralt, 62, who suffered from lupus, died in New York Hospital of heart failure, a family spokeswoman said. During the war, Kuralt went to Vietnam four times, and in one 1965 broadcast he took the television camera deep into a combat zone.

◆
J. Anthony Lukas, who reported from Africa and Asia before winning two Pulitzer Prizes, committed suicide June 5 in New York City. He was 64. Lukas joined *The New York Times* and was sent overseas in the 1960s, first based in the Congo and later in India. Lukas won his first Pulitzer in 1968 for his *New York Times* articles on a teenager from an affluent Connecticut family who was beaten to death after turning to a life of drugs in New York City.



J. Anthony Lukas

He won a second Pulitzer in 1986 for his book, "Common Ground," on forced school busing in Boston. His latest book, "Big Trouble," a study of America at the start of the 20th century against the background of a labor leader's trial, is scheduled for publication in September by Simon & Schuster. *The Times* said that Lukas "had long battled depression and several friends said he had been 'in a funk' since completing his latest book. 'He'd convinced himself that it was not good enough, which was crazy because it was brilliant,' said Amanda Urban, his agent."

◆
Russell Darrell Egnor, 60, a combat photojournalist with the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War, died of leukemia June 17. He lived in Manassas, Va., and worked in the Naval Media Center. At his death, he was director of the Navy's News Photo Division in the Navy Office of Information at the Pentagon.

◆
Larry Newman, who joined the OPC after covering World War II, died Feb. 26 in Hyannis, Ma., after a brief illness. He was 82. During the war in Europe, he was an International News Service correspondent, traveling with General Patton. Newman's reports on the Battle of the Bulge were anthologized in "Treasury of Great Reporting" [New York: Simon & Schuster]. He was awarded the U.S. National Medal of Freedom. After the war, Newman worked as a journalist in New York and was one of the original panelists on "Meet the Press."

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Ann Hagen Randall, a radio correspondent in Europe for United Press after World War II, died June 16 of cancer in her Washington, D.C. home. She was 86. During the war, Randall worked for the War Food Administration in Washington and then went to London for UP, traveling widely in Europe and the Middle East. She returned to Washington in 1952 and worked for the USIA. From 1962 until 1978, she was a writer and producer for a Pittsburgh television station, a broadcast information executive in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and a freelance television producer for NBC and other organizations.

◆
Asgar Kazi Abbasi, 54, Washington correspondent for his family's newspapers and magazines in Pakistan, died of cardiac arrest June 8 in a Washington hospital. Abbasi became a Washington correspondent in 1990 after managing his family-owned hotel in Hyderabad, working for American Express in Frankfurt, Germany; as a stockbroker in Baltimore and Washington; and owner of a clothing import-export firm.

◆
Stuart Troup, an editor on the *Daily American* in Rome and the *International Herald Tribune* in Paris during the 1970s, died June 4 in New York of complications from a kidney transplant performed several years ago. He was 63. Before and after going to Europe, Troup worked for
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ABOUT THE OPC

The Overseas Press Club of America is the nation's oldest and largest association of journalists engaged in international news. Founded in 1939 by 13 foreign correspondents in New York, the OPC has grown to more than 500 members worldwide. The club's mission is to uphold the highest standards in news reporting, advance press freedoms and promote good fellowship among colleagues. Its activities include events, scholarships and reciprocal relationships with press clubs around the globe. All those with a professional interest in the field of international journalism are invited to contact the OPC about membership.

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Newsday in New York and for the *New York Daily News*. He retired in 1990.

◆
William D. Eastlake, a novelist and short story writer who reported from the Vietnam War for *The Nation*, died June 1 in Bisbee, Az, where he lived. He was 79 and served in the U.S. Army infantry in Europe during World War II. One of Eastlake's best known novels was "Castle Keep" [1965], a story of American soldiers trapped in a castle during World War II. The book was made into a 1969 movie starring Burt Lancaster.

◆
Louis Liotta, 76, winner of many news photo awards starting with a picture of a World War II sea battle, died in New York May 30 of kidney failure. After the war and until his death, Liotta was a staff photographer for the *New*

York Post, where his pictures won more than 180 awards. A U.S. Navy photographer aboard the USS Missouri, he received his first award with a photo of the battleship lit up at night by heavy gunfire. Liotta started his career when he was 14, taking care of homing pigeons for Acme photo agency. The pigeons were used to carry film of Brooklyn Dodgers baseball games to Acme's office in Manhattan.



Louis Liotta

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Thurston Macauley, a former OPC member who started his long career as a foreign correspondent in Europe in 1926, died May 24 in Fort Lauderdale, Fl. He was 95. Starting his career in 1922, Macauley from 1926 to 1928 worked for *The New York Herald-Tribune* in Paris, where his stories included Charles A. Lindbergh's 1927 flight across the Atlantic. He was a London reporter for *The New York Times* from 1929 to 1936, later filing for the *London Times* from Hollywood and then joining *Newsweek*, where he was assistant foreign editor from 1938 to 1942. He also wrote for *The New York Sun*, *The Chicago Tribune* and *Stars & Stripes*. Macauley wrote a dozen books and published "Bread and Rice," by **Doris Rubin Johnston**, an autobiographical account of her adventures behind Japanese lines in the Philippines during World War II and her later internment by the Japanese. Macauley and

Johnston, who had been a United Press correspondent in the Philippines, later were married. His wife, a longtime OPC member, survives. Residents of France for many years, the Macauleys moved to Florida last year.

◆
Harry L. Swiderski, 66, a U.S. Air Force photojournalist who worked for *Pacific Stars & Stripes* from 1959 to 1963 and a former Philadelphia newspaperman, died in his sleep at his Acreage, Florida, home on April 6. At the time of his death, he was editor of *The Stars & Stripes Association News*, a newsletter for former staffers of the U.S. military newspaper. A 22-year veteran of the Air Force and a former photographer and editor on two Philadelphia newspapers, Swiderski also wrote guidebooks. **Bill Lopez**, editor of *Association News* before Swiderski, has returned to the editor's post.

UNCA Awards Dinner

The UN Correspondents Association is seeking entries for a prize for the best UN coverage. The winner will receive \$1,000 and be honored at an awards dinner to be held Friday, Oct. 24. UN Secretary General Kofi Annan will be the guest of honor at the dinner. Closing date for entries is Aug. 31. For more information, call Ian Williams at (212) 688-1451.

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